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EX PARTE

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20054

Re: CS Docket No. 98-120

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 7, 2005, I spoke by telephone with Commissioner Abernathy about a proposal to provide broadcast stations with the right to choose must carry for either their digital or their analog signal during the transition period. I argued that this either/or proposal was tantamount to giving broadcasters dual must carry rights and reiterated the significant negative impact dual carriage would have on The Weather Channel Companies, as well as on other cable programmers.

Please direct any questions regarding this matter to my attention.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Decker Anstrom

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cc: Commissioner Abernathy